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1. (Amended twice) A device for the facilitated insertion of the male member into a condom, comprising:

a hollow element for containing the condom, provided with an access aperture;
means for fastening a brim of the condom to the access aperture of the hollow element, in order to form an air chamber between external walls of the condom and internal walls of the hollow element;
means, associated with said hollow element, for creating a depression inside said air chamber forcing adhesion of the condom to the internal walls of the hollow element and allowing the subsequent facilitated insertion of the male member, the hollow element being provided with mobile walls, said depression resulting from the increased volume of the hollow element; and
a bearing element located inside the hollow element for bearing a tip of the condom.

2. (Amended twice) The device according to claim 1, wherein said means for creating a depression comprises a suction duct provided with a non-return valve.

3. (Amended once) The device according to claim 1, wherein said means for creating a depression comprises a suction duct with flexible walls, the duct being apt to be closed by throttling.

4. (Three times amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said mobile walls, are articulated in a telescopic relation therebetween.

5. (Three times amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the elevation of the bearing element inside the hollow element is adjustable.

6. (Three times amended) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a means for avoiding contact between the external walls of the condom and the internal walls of the hollow element.

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7. (Amended once) The device according to claim 6, wherein said means for avoiding contact are removable.
8. (Three times amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said means, for fastening a brim of the condom to the access aperture of the hollow element are integrally formed therewith.
9. (Amended once) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a means for reestablishing, after said insertion, the internal pressure existing before the depression.
10. (Twice amended) A method for the facilitated insertion of the male member into a condom, comprising the steps of:
 - inserting the condom into a hollow element so as to form an air chamber between external walls of the condom and internal walls of the hollow element;
 - creating a depression in said air chamber, forcing adhesion of the condom to the internal walls of the hollow element, said depression being obtained by increasing the volume of the hollow element;
 - inserting the male member inside the internal area of the condom;
 - removing the condom from the hollow element, in order for said condom to completely adhere to the male member; and providing a bearing plane for a tip of the condom before said step of creating a depression.
11. (Twice amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein said depression is obtained by suction of the air contained inside said hollow element.
12. (Three times amended) The method according to claim 10, further comprising a step for re-establishing after the removal of the condom from the hollow element, the internal pressure existing before the depression.
13. (Once amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising a step for re-establishing, after the removal of the condom from the hollow element, the internal pressure existing before the depression.

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14. (Amended Once) A device for insertion of a male member into a condom, comprising:
- a hollow element for containing the condom, the hollow element being provided with an access aperture;
 - a fastening ring for fastening a brim of the condom to the access aperture of the hollow element, thus forming an air chamber between external walls of the condom and internal walls of the hollow element;
 - a suction duct, associated with said hollow element, for creating a depression inside said air chamber forcing adhesion of the condom to the internal walls of the hollow element and allowing subsequent insertion of the male member, the hollow element being provided with mobile walls, the depression resulting from the increased volume of the hollow element; and
 - a support element located inside the hollow element for supporting a tip of the condom.